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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Ruch on 7/7/09.

The title has been changed to read:

--METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING AND COUNTING LEUKOCYTES--.

In the claims, in claim 1(1) lines 1-2, has been deleted and changed to read:

--a step of staining cells in a hematological sample by treatment with a hemolytic agent, with a fluorescent dye capable of differentiating between--.

In claim 1(1), line 3, "at least among" has been deleted and replaced by --,--.

In claim 1(2), line 3, "respective" has been deleted.

In claim 1(3), line 4, "respective" has been deleted.

In claim 1(3), line 6, "respective" has been deleted.

In claim 7(2), line 1, "to give damage to" has been deleted and replaced by --which damages--.

In claim 7(4), lines 1-2, have been deleted and changed to read:

--a buffer having a pH range adjusted to 5.0 – 9.0 and osmotic pressure adjusted to 150 – 600 mOsm/kg.--.

Non-elected claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ralph Gitomer whose telephone number is (571) 272-0916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

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